



CMDCM(SW/AW/IW) Mark Tomlinson Command Master Chief

CMDCM(SW/AW/IDW) Mark D. Tomlinson was born in McAlester, Okla., and enlisted in the Delayed Entry Program in June 1986. Completing basic training at Naval Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., in October 1986, he proceeded to Naval Damage Control Training Center, Philadelphia, Pa. to complete Hull Maintenance Technician "A" School and attended General Maintenance Welding "C" School in Portsmouth, Va.

In June 1987, he reported to his first tour of duty aboard USS Lawrence (DDG 4) homeported in Norfolk, Va., where he qualified as Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist. In June 1989, he reported to San Diego, Ca., for Nuclear Powerplant Components Welding School "C" School with follow-on orders to USS Orion (AS 18), homeported in LaMaddalena, Italy. In April 1992, he reported to USS Canopus (AS 34) in King's Bay, Ga., as Welding Shop Leading Petty Officer (LPO). In April 1994, he reported to SUBASE/NAVIMF Pearl Harbor, Hawaii as Welding Shop LPO and Ship Superintendent. While attached to SUBASE/NAVIMF Pearl Harbor, he was selected and advanced to the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

In July 1997, he reported to USS Stout (DDG 55) in Portsmouth, Va., as the 3M Maintenance Manager and qualified as Conning Officer. After a successful sea tour, he was selected to serve as Electrical Chief aboard USS Samuel Eliot Morison (FFG 13). He reported in October 1998, qualified Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW) and deployed in support of counter-drug operations. He screened for duty as a Navy Recruiter and reported in September 2000 to NRD Dallas, NRS McAlester and NRS Shawnee as Recruiter-in-Charge. He was advanced to Senior Chief in 2002.

In February 2003, he reported to USS Frank Cable (AS 40) in Agana, Guam as the Planning LCPO, Repair Admin Division Officer and Acting Repair Department Master Chief; qualifying once again as EOOW. In July 2006, he graduated from the U.S. Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 125 Green) and screened for Landing Craft Air Cushion Craftmaster (LCAC) duty; subsequently reporting to Assault Craft Unit-Five Western Pacific Alfa in Sasebo, Japan in April 2007 as Craftmaster/Detachment Officer-in-Charge/Senior Enlisted Advisor.

Master Chief Tomlinson was selected to the Command Senior Chief program in February, 2009, advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer in April and then converted to Command Master Chief in June 2009. In September 2009, he assumed the duties of Command Master Chief of the "Gauntlets" of VAQ-136 stationed in Atsugi, Japan; he also deployed aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) as a member of Carrier Air Wing Five. Additionally, he qualified Aviation Warfare and completed his fourth college degree; a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

In July 2011, he was selected as Staff Command Master Chief for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Fifth Fleet in Manama, Bahrain. During his tour, he qualified Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist qualification.

In January 2013, Master Chief Tomlinson reported the CMC of USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19), COMSEVENTHFLT Flagship, in Yokosuka, Japan winning two consecutive Battle "E" awards while performing Key Leader Engagements with many partners in 7th Fleet AOR.

In February 2016, he reported to Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center in Fallon, NV where he currently serves as the Command Master Chief.